

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
June 20, 2007
Conference Call

Members Present: Jack Corson, President
Gene Hardy, Vice President
Juan Reyes
Jim Mickelson
Joe Thomas
Dave Graham
Jim Bennage
Patrick Zimmerer
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office

Members Absent: David Largent
Dalin Winters
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture

WDA Staff Present: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary
Dani Sullivan
Leanne Stevenson

Called to order by President Corson.

Extension requests: **Juan made motion to approve the two extension requests made by the Sweetwater County Conservation District. Jim Mickelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Jim Mickelson made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Van Mater to the Sweetwater Conservation District. All voted in favor. Jim Mickelson made motion to extend the final report due date until December 31, 2007 for Campbell County's water quality grant. Juan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Ryan Lance joined the BOA call and Joe Thomas joined the meeting.

John talked about the new board structure. All existing members will serve out 4 – yr. terms. The youth members will resign and are eligible to re-apply if they meet the 18-30 age restriction. They will use both applications and they will serve 6-yr. terms.

Gene said about 50 people were present at the meeting in Douglas regarding Uranium development. Robert Brug, Dennis Sun and Gene all talked at the meeting. Gene said he informed them that no agricultural usage of the land can be done during the production period. They advised those in attendance to make sure the producers make good agreements up front.

Carbon Sequestration tours are scheduled in July. The Governor's Sage Grosse meeting is

scheduled the 27th and 28th. Ryan Lance said the Governor felt it would be a good idea to bring all affected groups together to discuss the sage grouse.

The JIO will meet with DEO regarding the TMDL issue.

Jack asked John about the Stewardship tour. John said it was very informative. They highlighted their calving operation and the miles of pipeline used to spread out their livestock.

There is a monitoring workshop tomorrow at the Hitching Post.

Leanne Stevenson joined the call to discuss the Drought Task Force report to Governor's office and the press conference today regarding drought. Steve Gray –State Climatologist will be presenting. Jack asked if anyone had any suggestions. Juan said to make stock water application process go faster. The drought declaration process seems to be so slow. Much of what the board suggested were things that involve other agencies. Juan's suggested re-educating the county commissioners on the declaration process. John will make sure the letter to the commissioners also goes to the WLR and Leanne will get the producer meetings to Muff so she will forward it on to the members.

John said we are still behind on Construction at State Fair, but everything else seems to be going well.

There being no additional business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Corson, President

Date

Attachments:

- 2 Sweetwater County CD Water Quality Requests
- 1 Sweetwater County Appointment
- 1 Campbell County Extension Request